

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 56-58, 60-63, 65-68, 70-75, 77-82, 84-90, 92-100, 102-108, 110-136, 217, 218, and 220-230 are pending. Claims 54, 55, 59, 215, 216, and 219 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 56-58, 60-63, 68, 70-75, 77-79, 217, 218, 220-226, 229, and 230 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants believe the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 81, 82, 84-90, 92-100, 102-108, 110-136, 227, and 228, and the indicated allowability of claims 57, 61, 73, 229, and 230 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 57, 61, 73, 229, and 230 have been rewritten accordingly. In addition, claims 56, 58, 63, 65-68, 70-72, 74, 75, and 77-80 as amended depend from allowable claim 57; claims 60 and 62 as amended depend from allowable claim 61; claims 217, 218, and 222-226 as amended depend from allowability claim 229; and claims 220 and 221 as amended depends from allowable claim 230. Therefore, those claims are also allowable.

Applicants enclose herewith a copy of the new Power of Attorney and Revocation of Prior Powers filed on May 23, 2002, and respectfully request that all correspondence be sent to Applicants' representatives at the address below.

CONCLUSION

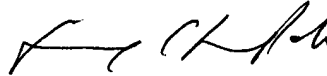
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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